



COLLIN COUNTY

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Subject: WIC Contract Amendment for Special Project Funding –Request for New Position

To: Candy Blair
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From: Michelle S. Patrick, MPA MSP
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The WIC program received notice that the Texas Department of State Health Services has awarded Collin County an additional \$70,700 for a peer counselor breastfeeding support program. The State WIC program has mandated that Collin County formally implement a peer counseling program to promote breastfeeding among WIC clients. To carry out this mandated service, the WIC program is requesting permission to hire 1 (one) senior eligibility clerk at the cost of \$46,127.62 (\$30,168 salary plus benefits of \$15,959.62). **This new position will be covered 100% by State funds.**

According to State requirements, this position must be filled by an individual who has previously been on WIC and who has breastfed. Responsibilities of the position will include: eligibility determination for pregnant women; providing peer support and classroom instruction for pregnant and breastfeeding mothers; setting up and maintaining a formal tracking system to stay in touch with pregnant and breastfeeding clients and tracking their outcomes; providing outreach to the nine hospitals in the county; and availability after hours to issue breast pumps in urgent situations.

The remaining additional funding will be allocated to mandated attendance of staff at breastfeeding peer counselor training and travel, breastfeeding educational materials, computer equipment and office supplies.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please let me know.